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# A duality theorem for iterated infinite cyclic coverings

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This paper will derive a dual structure immanent in a manifold by establishing a duality analogous to the classical Poincaré duality for iterated infinite cyclic covers of a compact manifold. An application will be done in Section three. Spaces and maps will be considered in the piecewise-linear category, unless otherwise stated.

## 1. Preliminaries

Let  $X^n$  be a compact, connected, piecewise-linear  $n$ -manifold and suppose we are given a sequence  $X^{(N)} \twoheadrightarrow X^{(N-1)} \twoheadrightarrow \dots \twoheadrightarrow X^{(2)} \twoheadrightarrow X^{(1)} \twoheadrightarrow X^{(0)} = X^n$  such that for each  $i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, N-1$ ,  $X^{(i+1)} \twoheadrightarrow X^{(i)}$  is the composite of  $X^{(i+1)} \twoheadrightarrow \hat{X}^{(i)} \twoheadrightarrow X^{(i)}$ , where  $\hat{X}^{(i)} \twoheadrightarrow X^{(i)}$  is a finitely sheeted (possibly irregular) connected covering and  $X^{(i+1)} \twoheadrightarrow \hat{X}^{(i)}$  is an infinite cyclic connected covering (,that is, a regular connected covering whose covering translation group is infinite cyclic). We use the notation  $\hat{Y}$  for a finitely sheeted connected cover of a space  $Y$  throughout the paper.

**1.1 Definition.** For  $k \leq 0$   $f(k)$  is the class of arbitrary spaces.  $f(1)$  is the class of connected spaces with finitely generated fundamental groups. For  $k \geq 2$ ,  $f(k)$  is the class of connected spaces  $Y$  with  $\pi_1(Y)$  finitely generated and such that the integral group ring  $Z[\pi_1(Y)]$  is Noetherian and  $H_1(\bar{Y}; Z)$  is a finitely generated left  $Z[\pi_1(Y)]$ -module for  $i \leq k-1$  and  $H_k(\bar{Y}; Q)$  is a finitely generated left  $Q[\pi_1(Y)]$ -module. (Throughout the paper,  $\bar{Y}$  denotes the universal cover of a space  $Y$ .)

**1.2 Lemma.**  $\pi_1(X^{(N)})$  is finitely presented, if it is finitely generated.

This follows rapidly from **Lemma 1.3** below and the induction on  $N$  [by considering  $X^{(N)} \times S^m$  for a large  $m$ , if possible].

**1.3 Lemma.** Let  $n \geq 5$ . If  $\pi_1(X^{(1)})$  is finitely generated, then there is a map  $\phi: X \rightarrow S^1$  such that for a point  $p \in S^1$   $\phi^{-1}(p)$  is a connected compact (piecewise-linear, proper bicollared) submanifold of  $X^{(1)}$  such that the natural homomorphism  $\pi_1(\phi^{-1}(p)) \rightarrow \pi_1(X^{(1)})$  is an isomorphism.

Proof. Let  $X^{(1)}$  is obtained from a simplicial map  $\phi_1: X \rightarrow S^1$ . For a non-vertex point  $p \in S^1$   $\phi_1^{-1}(p)$  is a compact submanifold of  $X^{(1)}$ . Since  $\pi_1(X^{(1)})$  is finitely generated, from an argument of J. Stallings [2] we can assume that  $\phi_1^{-1}(p)$  is connected. Next, since  $n \geq 5$ , we can kill the kernel of  $\pi_1(\phi_1^{-1}(p)) \rightarrow \pi_1(X^{(1)})$  by a surgery by an argument of M.A.

Gutiérrez[2]. Thus we have a map  $\phi: X \rightarrow S^1$  homotopic to  $\phi_1$  such that  $\phi^{-1}(p)$  is connected compact submanifold of  $X^{(1)}$  and  $\pi_1(\phi^{-1}(p)) \rightarrow \pi_1(X^{(1)})$  is a monomorphism. An argument of L.P. Neuwirth[8], then, implies that this monomorphism must be an isomorphism. This completes the proof.

By Lemma 1.2, if  $X^{(N)} \in f(1)$ , then  $\pi_1(X^{(N)})$  is finitely presented. So, one may note that the class  $f(k)$  is closely related to the finiteness condition studied in detail by C.T.C. Wall[3] at least for manifolds of the type of  $X^{(N)}$ .

It seems difficult to know whether or not the integral group ring of a group is Noetherian. A partial result on this is as follows:

**1.4 Lemma.** Let  $G_0$  be a subgroup of a group  $G$  with finite index or with infinite cyclic quotient group. If  $Z[G_0]$  is left Noetherian, then  $Z[G]$  is left Noetherian.

Proof. If  $G/G_0$  has a finite index,  $Z[G]$  can be considered as a finitely generated left module over  $Z[G_0]$ . Since  $Z[G_0]$  is left Noetherian, it follows immediately that  $Z[G]$  is left Noetherian. If  $G/G_0$  is infinite cyclic, then  $Z[G]$  can be considered as a polynomial ring with negative exponents and with right coefficients in  $Z[G_0]$ . Then it follows that  $Z[G]$  is left Noetherian by using the proof of the Hilbert basis theorem.

## 2. A duality theorem

We will state our duality theorem individually on the iterated number  $N$  of infinite cyclic coverings.

Duality Theorem 0 (Poincaré Duality). Suppose  $\hat{X}^{(0)}$  is orientable. There is a duality

$$\cap \hat{\mu}^{(0)}: H^i(\hat{X}^{(0)}, \partial \hat{X}^{(0)}; Z) \approx H_{n-i}(\hat{X}^{(0)}; Z) \text{ for all } i.$$

This is widely known, since  $\hat{X}^{(0)}$  is compact.

Duality Theorem 1. Suppose  $\hat{X}^{(1)}$  is orientable. If  $H_i(\hat{X}^{(1)}, \partial \hat{X}^{(1)}; Z)$  is finitely generated abelian for  $i \leq m$  and  $\dim_Q H_{m+1}(\hat{X}^{(1)}, \partial \hat{X}^{(1)}; Q) < +\infty$ , then there is a duality

$$\cap \hat{\mu}^{(1)}: H^i(\hat{X}^{(1)}, \partial \hat{X}^{(1)}; Z) \approx H_{n-1-i}(\hat{X}^{(1)}; Z)$$

for all  $i \leq m$  and for  $i = m+1$  this map is a monomorphism.

This is a simple version of a known result. (See [4].)

An outline of the proof is as follows: Let  $N_p^+ \supset N_{p+1}^+ \supset \dots$  and  $N_q^- \supset N_{q+1}^- \supset \dots$  be the neighborhoods of the two ends of  $X^{(1)}$  as in [4] or [6]. Let  $\hat{N}_p^+ \supset \hat{N}_{p+1}^+ \supset \dots$  and  $\hat{N}_q^- \supset \hat{N}_{q+1}^- \supset \dots$  be the lifts, which are still the neighborhoods of ends of  $\hat{X}^{(1)}$ , since  $\hat{X}^{(1)}$  has still two ends. (See D.B.A. Epstein [1].) Using these neighborhoods, from an analogous method of [4] or [6]

we obtain that

$$\cap \hat{\mu}^{(1)}: H^i(\hat{X}^{(1)}, \partial \hat{X}^{(1)}; Z) \xrightarrow{\cong} \varprojlim_{p, q \rightarrow \infty} H^{i+1}(\hat{X}^{(1)}, \partial \hat{X}^{(1)}; \cup N_p^+ \cup N_q^-; Z)$$

$= H_c^{i+1}(\hat{X}^{(1)}, \partial\hat{X}^{(1)}; Z) \cap[\hat{X}^{(1)}] \approx H_{n-1-i}(\hat{X}^{(1)}; Z)$  is an isomorphism for  $i \leq m$  and a monomorphism for  $i = m+1$ . This completes the outlined proof.

Duality Theorem 2. Suppose  $\hat{X}^{(2)}$  is orientable and  $X^{(1)} \in f(m+2)$  and  $\partial X^{(1)}$  has at most finitely many components each of which is in  $f(m+1)$ . If  $H_i(\hat{X}^{(2)}, \partial\hat{X}^{(2)}; Z)$  is finitely generated abelian for  $i \leq m$  and  $\dim_Q H_{m+1}(\hat{X}^{(2)}, \partial\hat{X}^{(2)}; Q) < +\infty$ , then there is a duality

$$\cap\hat{\mu}^{(2)}: H^i(\hat{X}^{(2)}, \partial\hat{X}^{(2)}; Z) \approx H_{n-2-i}(\hat{X}^{(2)}; Z)$$

for all  $i \leq m$  and for  $i = m+1$  this map is a monomorphism.

To prove Duality Theorem 2, we use the following lemma:

2.1 Lemma. Let  $n \geq 6$  and  $1 \leq k \leq (n-3)/2$ . Suppose  $X^{(1)} \in f(k)$  and  $\partial X^{(1)}$  has at most finitely many components each of which is in  $f(k-1)$ . Then there is a proper map  $\varphi: X^{(1)} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^1$  such that for a point  $p \in \mathbb{R}^1$   $\varphi^{-1}(p) = M$  is a compact connected (piecewise-linear proper bicollared) submanifold with  $\partial X^{(1)} \cup M$  connected and such that  $\pi_1(M) \cong \pi_1(X^{(1)})$  and  $\pi_i(\partial M) \cong \pi_i(\partial X^{(1)})$   $i = 0, 1$  (if  $k \geq 2$ ) and such that for any cover  $(\tilde{X}^{(1)}, \partial\tilde{X}^{(1)})_{\tilde{U}M}$  of  $(X^{(1)}, \partial X^{(1)})_{UM}$   $H_i(\tilde{X}^{(1)}, \partial\tilde{X}^{(1)})_{\tilde{U}M} = 0$  with integral coefficients for  $i \leq k-1$  or  $i \leq k=1$  and with rational coefficients for  $i = k \geq 2$ . Furthermore, we can have  $H_i(\tilde{M}) \cong H_i(\tilde{X}^{(1)})$  with integral coefficients for  $i \leq k-1$  or  $i \leq k=1$  and with rational coefficients for  $i = k \geq 2$ . For  $k \geq 2$ ,  $H_1(\partial\tilde{M}) \cong H_1(\partial\tilde{X}^{(1)})$

with integral coefficients for  $i \leq k-2$  or  $i \leq k-1=1$  and with rational coefficients for  $i = k-1 \geq 2$ .

Proof. By Lemma 1.3 there is a map  $\varphi_1: X \rightarrow S^1$  such that  $\varphi_1^{-1}(p_1)$  is a compact connected submanifold of  $X^{(1)}$  with  $\partial X^{(1)} \cup \varphi_1^{-1}(p_1)$  connected and  $\pi_1(\varphi_1^{-1}(p_1)) \approx \pi_1(X^{(1)})$  and  $\pi_i(\partial \varphi_1^{-1}(p_1)) \approx \pi_i(\partial X^{(1)})$ ,  $i = 0, 1$  (if  $k \geq 2$ ). [ Since  $\partial X^{(1)}$  has only finite components, each components of  $\partial X^{(1)}$  must intersect with  $\varphi_1^{-1}(p_1)$ . For  $k \geq 2$  first apply Lemma 1.3 for each component of  $\partial X^{(1)}$ .] Let  $\tilde{\varphi}: X^{(1)} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^1$  be a lift of  $\varphi_1$ . Note that  $\varphi^{-1}(p) = \varphi_1^{-1}(p_1)$  for a lift  $p \in \mathbb{R}^1$  of  $p_1$ . The rest of the proof follows from Lemma 2.2 below and the following simple assertion: If  $H_i(\tilde{X}^{(1)}, \tilde{M}) = 0$  and  $H_{i-1}(\partial \tilde{X}^{(1)}, \partial \tilde{M}) = 0$ , then  $H_i(\tilde{X}^{(1)}, \partial \tilde{X}^{(1)} \cup \tilde{M}) = 0$ . This follows from the homology exact sequence of the triple  $\tilde{X}^{(1)} \supset \partial \tilde{X}^{(1)} \cup \tilde{M} \supset \tilde{M}$ . In fact,

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} H_i(\tilde{X}^{(1)}, \tilde{M}) & \supset & H_i(\tilde{X}^{(1)}, \partial \tilde{X}^{(1)} \cup \tilde{M}) & \supset & H_{i-1}(\partial \tilde{X}^{(1)} \cup \tilde{M}, \tilde{M}) \\ \parallel & & & & \parallel \\ 0 & & & & H_{i-1}(\partial \tilde{X}^{(1)}, \partial \tilde{M}) \\ & & & & \parallel \\ & & & & 0 \end{array}$$

Hence  $H_i(\tilde{X}^{(1)}, \partial \tilde{X}^{(1)} \cup \tilde{M}) = 0$ .

2.2 Lemma. Let  $2 \leq k \leq (n-3)/2$  and  $X^{(1)} \in f(k)$ . Assume  $\pi_1(\varphi^{-1}(p)) \approx \pi_1(X^{(1)})$  for a proper map  $\varphi: X^{(1)} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^1$  with  $\varphi^{-1}(p)$  a compact connected submanifold. Then there is a proper map  $\varphi': X^{(1)} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^1$  homotopic to  $\varphi$  by a homotopy with compact support such that  $\varphi'^{-1}(p)$  is a compact connected submanifold and  $\pi_1(\varphi'^{-1}(p)) \approx \pi_1(X^{(1)})$  and  $H_i(\tilde{X}^{(1)}, \tilde{\varphi}'^{-1}(p)) = 0$  with integral coefficients for  $i \leq k-1$  and rational coefficients for  $i = k$ .

Moreover we can have  $H_i(\tilde{\varphi}'^{-1}(p)) \simeq H_i(\tilde{X}^{(1)})$  with integral coefficients for  $i \leq k-1$  and rational coefficients for  $i = k$ .

Proof.  $H_i(\tilde{X}^{(1)}, \tilde{\varphi}'^{-1}(p)) = 0$  follows from a surgical argument of L.C. Siebenmann [10]. [First, note that  $H_2(\bar{X}^{(1)}, \bar{\varphi}'^{-1}(p)) = H_2(\bar{X}_+, \bar{\varphi}'^{-1}(p)) + H_2(\bar{X}_-, \bar{\varphi}'^{-1}(p)) = \pi_2(X_+, \varphi'^{-1}(p)) + \pi_2(X_-, \varphi'^{-1}(p))$  is a finitely generated  $Z[\pi_1(X^{(1)})]$ -module (or  $Q[\pi_1(X^{(1)})]$ -module for  $k = 2$ ), where  $\bar{X}^{(1)} = \bar{X}_+ \cup \bar{X}_-$  with  $\bar{X}_+ \cap \bar{X}_- = \bar{\varphi}'^{-1}(p)$ .

Hence by killing the generators, we may have a proper map

$\varphi_1: X^{(1)} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^1$  homotopic to  $\varphi$  by a homotopy with compact support such that  $\varphi_1^{-1}(p)$  is a compact connected submanifold and  $\pi_1(\varphi_1^{-1}(p)) \simeq \pi_1(X^{(1)})$  and  $H_2(\bar{X}^{(1)}, \bar{\varphi}_1^{-1}(p)) = 0$ . Similar for  $i \geq 2$ .] Next, note that  $\pi_i(X^{(1)}, \varphi'^{-1}(p)) = 0$  with  $Z$  coefficients for  $i \leq k-1$  and  $Q$  coefficients for  $i = k$ , and  $\pi_{k+1}(X^{(1)}, \varphi'^{-1}(p)) = H_{k+1}(\bar{X}^{(1)}, \bar{\varphi}'^{-1}(p))$  with  $Q$  coefficients by the relative

Hurewicz isomorphism theorem (modulo torsion). Consider the exact

sequence of the following part:  $H_k(\bar{X}^{(1)}, \bar{\varphi}'^{-1}(p)) \rightarrow H_{k-1}(\bar{\varphi}'^{-1}(p))$

$\xrightarrow{i_*} H_{k-1}(\bar{X}^{(1)}) \rightarrow 0$ . Since  $H_{k-1}(\varphi'^{-1}(p))$  is finitely generated over  $Z[\pi_1(X^{(1)})]$  and  $Z[\pi_1(X^{(1)})]$  is Noetherian, we obtain

that  $\text{Ker } i_*$  is finitely generated over  $Z[\pi_1(X^{(1)})]$ . Since

$H_k(\bar{X}^{(1)}, \bar{\varphi}'^{-1}(p)) = H_k(\bar{X}_+, \bar{\varphi}'^{-1}(p)) + H_k(\bar{X}_-, \bar{\varphi}'^{-1}(p)) = \pi_k(X_+, \varphi'^{-1}(p)) + \pi_k(X_-, \varphi'^{-1}(p))$ , we can kill the generators of  $\text{Ker } i_*$  by a

surgery and hence we can assume that the map  $\pi_k(X^{(1)}, \varphi'^{-1}(p)) =$

$H_k(\bar{X}^{(1)}, \bar{\varphi}'^{-1}(p)) \rightarrow H_{k-1}(\bar{\varphi}'^{-1}(p))$  with  $Z$  coefficients is a trivial

homomorphism. This implies that  $i_*: H_{k-1}(\varphi'^{-1}(p); Z) \simeq H_{k-1}(\tilde{X}^{(1)}; Z)$ .

With  $Q$  coefficients, the same argument is applicable for the

following part:  $H_{k+1}(\bar{X}^{(1)}, \bar{\varphi}'^{-1}(p)) \rightarrow H_k(\bar{\varphi}'^{-1}(p)) \xrightarrow{i_*} H_k(\bar{X}^{(1)}) \rightarrow 0$ .

Thus we can assume  $H_k(\varphi'^{-1}(p); Q) \simeq H_k(\tilde{X}^{(1)}; Q)$ . This completes the



proof.

By applying Lemma 2.2 for  $\partial X^{(1)}$  (if  $k \geq 2$ ) and then for  $X^{(1)}$ , we complete the proof of Lemma 2.1.

2.3. Proof of Duality Theorem 2. First consider the case that  $n \geq 6$  and  $m+2 \leq (n-3)/2$ . By Lemma 2.1 we have  $H_i(\hat{X}^{(2)}, \partial \hat{X}^{(2)} \cup \hat{M}^{(1)}) = 0$  with  $\mathbb{Z}$  coefficients for  $i \leq m+1$  and  $\mathbb{Q}$  coefficients for  $i = m+2$ . By using a covering translation of  $X^{(1)}$ , choose a copy  $M'$  of  $M$  in  $X^{(1)}$  so that  $M' \cap M = \emptyset$ .  $M$  and  $M'$  separate  $X^{(1)}$  into three parts. Let  $V$  be the compact part and  $N_+$ ,  $N_-$  be the others. (See Fig. 1.)

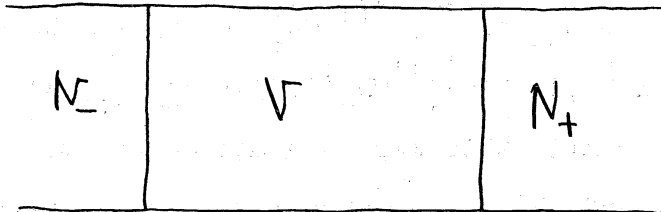


Fig. 1

Note that  $X^{(1)}$  can be covered by ascending compact manifolds  $V_0 < V_1 < V_2 < V_3 < \dots$  such that each  $V_i$  is separated by two copies of  $M$  obtained by covering translations of  $X^{(1)}$ . For  $m+2 \geq 1$  we note that  $M$ ,  $V$ ,  $N_+$  and  $N_-$  are connected and have the fundamental groups isomorphic to  $\pi_1(X^{(1)})$  by inclusions. Since  $H_i(\hat{X}^{(2)}, \partial \hat{X}^{(2)} \cup \hat{M}^{(1)}) = 0$ , from the Mayer-Vietoris sequence we obtain that

$$\delta : H^i(\hat{X}^{(2)}, \partial \hat{X}^{(2)}) \approx H^{i+1}(\hat{X}^{(2)}, \partial \hat{X}^{(2)} \cup \hat{N}_+^{(1)} \cup \hat{N}_-^{(1)})$$

$$\partial : H_{i+1}(\hat{X}^{(2)}, \partial \hat{X}^{(2)} \cup \hat{N}_+^{(1)} \cup \hat{N}_-^{(1)}) \approx H_i(\hat{X}^{(2)}, \partial \hat{X}^{(2)})$$

with  $Z$  coefficients for  $i \leq m$  and  $Q$  coefficients for  $i = m+1$ . Further the coboundary  $\delta$  is injective for  $i = m+1$  with  $Z$  coefficients. By excision, we have  $H(\hat{X}^{(2)}, \partial \hat{X}^{(2)} \cup \hat{N}_+^{(1)} \cup \hat{N}_-^{(1)}; Z) = H(\hat{V}^{(1)}, \partial \hat{V}^{(1)}; Z)$ , where  $H = H^*$  or  $H_*$ . Since  $H_i(\hat{X}^{(2)}, \partial \hat{X}^{(2)}; Z)$  is finitely generated abelian for  $i \leq m$  and  $\dim_{Q H_{m+1}}(\hat{X}^{(2)}, \partial \hat{X}^{(2)}; Q) < +\infty$ ,  $H_i(\hat{V}^{(1)}, \partial \hat{V}^{(1)}; Z)$  is finitely generated abelian for  $i \leq m+1$  and  $\dim_{Q H_{m+2}}(\hat{V}^{(1)}, \partial \hat{V}^{(1)}; Q) < +\infty$ . Since  $\hat{X}^{(2)}$  is orientable,  $\hat{V}^{(1)}$  is orientable. Hence by Duality Theorem 1 we have  $\cap \hat{\mu}^{(1)} : H^{i+1}(\hat{V}^{(1)}, \partial \hat{V}^{(1)}; Z) \approx H_{n-2-i}(\hat{V}^{(1)}; Z)$  for  $i \leq m$  and for  $i = m+1$  this map is a monomorphism, where  $\hat{\mu}^{(1)} \in H_{n-1}(\hat{V}^{(1)}, \partial \hat{V}^{(1)}; Z) = H_{n-1}(\hat{X}^{(2)}, \partial \hat{X}^{(2)} \cup \hat{N}_+^{(1)} \cup \hat{N}_-^{(1)}; Z)$ . We shall show that  $\cap \hat{\mu}^{(1)} : H^{i+1}(\hat{X}^{(2)}, \partial \hat{X}^{(2)} \cup \hat{N}_+^{(1)} \cup \hat{N}_-^{(1)}; Z) \approx H_{n-2-i}(\hat{X}^{(2)}; Z)$  for  $i \leq m$  and for  $i = m+1$  this map is a monomorphism. Let  $V'$  be such that  $V' \supset V$  and  $V'$  is a compact manifold separated by two copies of  $M$  by covering translations. Further let  $N'_+, N'_-$  be two components of  $\text{cl}(X^{(1)} - V')$  such that  $N'_+ \subset N_+$  and  $N'_- \subset N_-$  and let  $A = \text{cl}(V' - V)$ . Consider the following commutative diagram ( $i \leq m$ ):

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H^{i+1}(\hat{X}^{(2)}, \partial \hat{X}^{(2)} \cup \hat{N}_+^{(1)} \cup \hat{N}_-^{(1)}) & \xrightarrow{\approx} & H^{i+1}(\hat{X}^{(2)}, \partial \hat{X}^{(2)} \cup \hat{N}_+^{(1)} \cup \hat{N}_-^{(1)}) \\ \downarrow \approx & & \downarrow \approx \\ H^{i+1}(\hat{V}^{(1)}, \partial \hat{V}^{(1)}) & \xrightarrow{\approx} & H^{i+1}(\hat{V}^{(1)}, \hat{A}^{(1)} \cup \partial \hat{V}^{(1)}) \xrightarrow{\approx} H^{i+1}(\hat{V}^{(1)}, \partial \hat{V}^{(1)}) \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \cap \hat{\mu}_V^{(1)} \downarrow \approx & \cap \hat{\mu}_{V,A}^{(1)} \downarrow & \cap \hat{\mu}_V^{(1)} \downarrow \approx \\ H_{n-2-i}(\hat{V}^{(1)}) & \xrightarrow{i} H_{n-2-i}(\hat{V}',^{(1)}) & = H_{n-2-i}(\hat{V},^{(1)}) \end{array}$$

This shows that the inclusion  $i: \hat{V}^{(1)} \subset \hat{V}',^{(1)}$  induces an isomorphism  $i_*: H_{n-2-i}(\hat{V}^{(1)}; Z) \approx H_{n-2-i}(\hat{V}',^{(1)}; Z)$ . Using  $\lim_{\substack{\rightarrow \\ V}} H_*(\hat{V}^{(1)}; Z) \approx H_*(\hat{X}^{(2)}; Z)$ , we obtain that the inclusion  $j: \hat{V}^{(1)} \subset \hat{X}^{(2)}$  must induce an isomorphism  $j_*: H_{n-2-i}(\hat{V}^{(1)}; Z) \approx H_{n-2-i}(\hat{X}^{(2)}; Z)$ . For  $i = m+1$  an analogous discussion shows that  $j_*: H_{n-3-m}(\hat{V}^{(1)}; Z) \rightarrow H_{n-3-m}(\hat{X}^{(2)}; Z)$  is a monomorphism. [Use additional facts of Lemma 2.1 that  $H_m(\hat{N}^{(1)}, \hat{N}',^{(1)}; Z) = H_{m-1}(\partial \hat{N}^{(1)}, \partial \hat{N}',^{(1)}; Z) = 0$  to prove that  $H^{m+2}(\hat{V},^{(1)}, \hat{A}^{(1)} \cup \partial \hat{V}^{(1)}; Z) \supset H^{m+2}(\hat{V},^{(1)}, \partial \hat{V},^{(1)}; Z)$  is injective.] Therefore, combined with  $\cap \hat{\mu}^{(1)}: H^{i+1}(\hat{V}^{(1)}, \partial \hat{V}^{(1)}; Z) \supset H_{n-2-i}(\hat{V}^{(1)}; Z)$ , we have that  $\cap \hat{\mu}^{(1)}: H^{i+1}(\hat{X}^{(2)}, \partial \hat{X}^{(2)} \cup \hat{N}_+^{(1)} \cup \hat{N}_-^{(1)}; Z) \supset H_{n-2-i}(\hat{X}^{(2)}; Z)$  is an isomorphism for  $i \leq m$  and is a monomorphism for  $i = m+1$ . Let  $\hat{\mu}^{(2)}$  be the image of  $\hat{\mu}^{(1)}$  via boundary homomorphism  $\partial: H_{n-1}(\hat{X}^{(2)}, \partial \hat{X}^{(2)} \cup \hat{N}_+^{(1)} \cup \hat{N}_-^{(1)}; Z) \supset H_{n-2}(\hat{X}^{(2)}, \partial \hat{X}^{(2)}; Z)$  (of the Mayer-Vietoris sequence). The composite  $H^i(\hat{X}^{(2)}, \partial \hat{X}^{(2)}; Z) \xrightarrow{\partial} H^{i+1}(\hat{X}^{(2)}, \hat{X}^{(2)} \cup \hat{N}_+^{(1)} \cup \hat{N}_-^{(1)}; Z) \xrightarrow{\cap \hat{\mu}^{(1)}} H_{n-2-i}(\hat{X}^{(2)}; Z)$  is given by the map  $\cap \hat{\mu}^{(2)}$ . Thus we have a desired result for the case that  $n \geq 6$  and  $m+2 \leq (n-3)/2$ . For the case that  $n \not\geq 6$  or  $m+2 \not\leq (n-3)/2$ , choose a sufficiently large integer  $k$  such that  $n+k \geq 6$ ,  $m+2 < (n+k-3)/2$ , and consider  $S^{(k)} \times \hat{X}^{(2)}$ . From the above argument, the map

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \cap \hat{\mu}_k^{(2)}: H^i(S^k \times \hat{X}^{(2)}, S^k \times \partial \hat{X}^{(2)}; Z) & \rightarrow & H_{n+k-2-i}(S^k \times \hat{X}^{(2)}; Z) \\ \parallel & & \parallel \\ H^0(S^k; Z) \times H^i(\hat{X}^{(2)}, \partial \hat{X}^{(2)}; Z) & & H_k(S^k; Z) \times H_{n-2-i}(\hat{X}^{(2)}; Z) \end{array}$$

is an isomorphism for  $i \leq m$  and a monomorphism for  $i = m+1$ .

( $\times$  denotes the cross product.) Since  $H_{n+k-2}(S^k \times \hat{X}^{(2)}, S^k \times \partial \hat{X}^{(2)}; Z) = H_k(S^k; Z) \times H_{n-2}(\hat{X}^{(2)}, \partial \hat{X}^{(2)}; Z)$ ,  $\hat{\mu}_k^{(2)}$  can be written as  $[S^k] \times \hat{\mu}^{(2)}$ , where  $[S^k]$  is a fundamental class of  $S^k$  and  $\hat{\mu}^{(2)} \in H_{n-2}(\hat{X}^{(2)}, \partial \hat{X}^{(2)}; Z)$ . Using the identity  $(1 \times u) \cap ([S^k] \times \hat{\mu}^{(2)}) = [S^k] \times (u \cap \hat{\mu}^{(2)})$  for all  $u \in H^1(\hat{X}^{(2)}, \partial \hat{X}^{(2)}; Z)$ , we have an isomorphism

$$\cap \hat{\mu}^{(2)} : H^1(\hat{X}^{(2)}, \partial \hat{X}^{(2)}; Z) \approx H_{n-2-i}(\hat{X}^{(2)}; Z), \quad i \leq m$$

and a monomorphism for  $i = m+1$ . This completes the proof.

For  $N \geq 3$  some further restrictions on  $X^{(N)}$  are needed.

Duality Theorem N ( $N \geq 3$ ). Suppose  $\hat{X}^{(N)}$  is orientable and  $X^{(N-1)} \in f(m+N)$  and  $\partial X^{(N-1)}$  has at most two components such that each component  $B^{(N-1)}$  of  $\partial X^{(N-1)}$  is in  $f(m+N-1)$  and the inclusion  $B^{(N-1)} \subset X^{(N-1)}$  induces an isomorphism  $\pi_1(B^{(N-1)}) \approx \pi_1(X^{(N-1)})$ . If  $H_1(\hat{X}^{(N)}; Z)$  and  $H_{i-1}(\partial \hat{X}^{(N)}; Z)$  are finitely generated abelian for  $i \leq m+N-3$  and  $\dim_Q H_{m+N-2}(\hat{X}^{(N)}; Q) < +\infty$  and  $\dim_Q H_{m+N-3}(\partial \hat{X}^{(N)}; Q) < +\infty$ , then there is a duality  $\cap \hat{\mu}^{(N)} : H^1(\hat{X}^{(N)}, \partial \hat{X}^{(N)}; Z) \approx H_{n-N-i}(\hat{X}^{(N)}; Z)$  for  $i \leq m$  and for  $i = m+1$  this map is a monomorphism.

Proof. Note that  $X^{(N-1)} \in f(m+N)$  implies  $X^{(1)} \in f(m+N)$  by using Lemma 1.4. By a similar discussion of 2.3 we can assume that the dimension  $n$  of  $X$  is sufficiently large so that  $n \geq 6$  and  $m+N \leq (n-3)/2$ . We proceed the proof by induction on  $N$ . Let  $N = 3$  and first suppose  $\partial X = \emptyset$ . Since  $X^{(1)} \in f(m+3)$ , it follows from Lemma 2.1 that  $H_1(\bar{M}) \approx H_1(\bar{X}^{(1)})$  with  $Z$  coefficients for  $i \leq m+2$  and  $Q$  coefficients for  $i = m+3$ . Hence  $X^{(2)} \in f(m+3)$  implies  $M^{(1)} \in f(m+3)$ . Let  $X^{(1)} = N_- UVUN_+$  as in 2.3, where  $\partial V = MUM'$ . Consider the following part of Mayer-Vietoris sequence:

$H_i(\bar{M}^{(1)} \cup \bar{M}'^{(1)}) \rightarrow H_i(\bar{N}_+^{(1)} \cup \bar{N}_-^{(1)}) + H_i(\bar{V}^{(1)}) \rightarrow H_i(\bar{X}^{(2)}).$  Since  $M^{(1)}, M'^{(1)} \in f(m+3)$  and  $X^{(2)} \in f(m+3)$ , we have  $V^{(1)} \in f(m+3)$ . By Lemma 2.1  $H_{i+1}(\hat{V}^{(2)}, \partial \hat{V}^{(2)}) = H_{i+1}(\hat{X}^{(3)}, \hat{N}_+^{(2)} \cup \hat{N}_-^{(2)}) \cong H_i(\hat{X}^{(3)})$  and  $H^i(\hat{X}^{(3)}) \cong H^{i+1}(\hat{X}^{(3)}, \hat{N}_+^{(2)} \cup \hat{N}_-^{(2)}) = H^{i+1}(\hat{V}^{(2)}, \hat{V}^{(2)})$  with  $\mathbb{Z}$  coefficients for  $i \leq m+1$  and  $\mathbb{Q}$  coefficients for  $i=m+2$ . In particular,  $H_{i+1}(\hat{V}^{(2)}, \partial \hat{V}^{(2)}; \mathbb{Z})$  is finitely generated abelian for  $i \leq m$  and  $\dim_{\mathbb{Q}} H_{m+2}(\hat{V}^{(2)}, \partial \hat{V}^{(2)}; \mathbb{Q}) < +\infty$ . By Duality Theorem 2,  $\cap \hat{\mu}^{(2)}: H^{i+1}(\hat{V}^{(2)}, \partial \hat{V}^{(2)}; \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow H_{n-3-i}(\hat{V}^{(2)}; \mathbb{Z})$  is an isomorphism for  $i \leq m$  and a monomorphism for  $i = m+1$ . According to an analogous method of 2.3, this implies that  $\cap \hat{\mu}^{(2)}: H^{i+1}(\hat{X}^{(3)}, \hat{N}_+^{(2)} \cup \hat{N}_-^{(2)}; \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow H_{n-3-i}(\hat{X}^{(3)}; \mathbb{Z})$  is an isomorphism for  $i \leq m$  and a monomorphism for  $i=m+1$ . Let  $\hat{\mu}^{(3)} \in H_{n-3}(\hat{X}^{(3)}; \mathbb{Z})$  be the image of  $\hat{\mu}^{(2)}$  by  $\partial: H_{n-2}(\hat{X}^{(3)}, \hat{N}_+^{(2)} \cup \hat{N}_-^{(2)}; \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow H_{n-3}(\hat{X}^{(3)}; \mathbb{Z})$ . Then the map  $\cap \hat{\mu}^{(3)}: H^i(\hat{X}^{(3)}; \mathbb{Z}) \cong H^{i+1}(\hat{X}^{(3)}, \hat{N}_+^{(2)} \cup \hat{N}_-^{(2)}; \mathbb{Z}) \xrightarrow{\cap \hat{\mu}^{(2)}} H_{n-3-i}(\hat{X}^{(3)}; \mathbb{Z})$  is an isomorphism for  $i \leq m$  and a monomorphism for  $i = m+1$ . Next consider the case that  $\partial X \neq \emptyset$ . Take the double  $D(X^{(2)})$  of  $X^{(2)}$ . Our assumption implies that  $D(X^{(2)}) \in f(m+3)$ . [Note that if  $\partial X^{(2)}$  is connected, then  $\pi_1(D(X^{(2)})) = \pi_1(X^{(2)})$ , and if  $\partial X^{(2)}$  has two components, then  $\pi_1(D(X^{(2)})) = \pi_1(X^{(2)}) \times \mathbb{Z}$ .] Using that  $H_i(D(\hat{X}^{(3)}); \mathbb{Z})$  is finitely generated abelian for  $i \leq m$  and  $\dim_{\mathbb{Q}} H_{m+1}(D(\hat{X}^{(3)}); \mathbb{Q}) < +\infty$ , from the case of manifolds with empty boundary  $\cap \hat{\mu}_D^{(3)}: H^i(D(\hat{X}^{(3)}); \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow H_{n-3-i}(D(\hat{X}^{(3)}); \mathbb{Z})$  is an isomorphism for  $i \leq m$  and a monomorphism for  $i = m+1$ . Note that  $\hat{X}^{(3)}$  is a retract of  $D(\hat{X}^{(3)})$ . We have the following commutative diagram:

$$0 \rightarrow H^i(\hat{X}^{(3)}, \partial \hat{X}^{(3)}) \rightarrow H^i(D(\hat{X}^{(3)})) \rightarrow H^i(\hat{X}',^{(3)}) \rightarrow 0$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \downarrow \cap \hat{\mu}^{(3)} & \downarrow \cap \hat{\mu}_D^{(3)} & \downarrow \cap \hat{\mu}'^{(3)} \end{array}$$

$$0 \rightarrow H_{n-3-i}(\hat{X}^{(3)}) \rightarrow H_{n-3-i}(D(\hat{X}^{(3)})) \rightarrow H_{n-3-i}(\hat{X}',^{(3)}, \partial \hat{X}',^{(3)}) \rightarrow 0$$

, where  $\hat{X}',^{(3)}$  is another copy of  $\hat{X}^{(3)}$  in  $D(\hat{X}^{(3)})$  and the top and bottom sequences are exact. Let  $i \leq m$ . The middle vertical map  $\cap \hat{\mu}_D^{(3)}$  is an isomorphism, and hence the right vertical map is surjective and the left vertical map is injective. (Let  $\hat{\mu}^{(3)}$  be the image of  $\hat{\mu}_D^{(3)}$  by  $H_{n-3-i}(D(\hat{X}^{(3)}); Z) \rightarrow H_{n-3-i}(D(\hat{X}^{(3)}), \hat{X}',^{(3)}; Z) = H_{n-3-i}(\hat{X}^{(3)}, \partial \hat{X}^{(3)}; Z)$ .) Also, consider the following commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} H^{i-1}(\partial \hat{X}^{(3)}) & \xrightarrow{\delta} & H^i(\hat{X}^{(3)}, \partial \hat{X}^{(3)}) & \xrightarrow{i^*} & H^i(\hat{X}^{(3)}) & \xrightarrow{i^*} & H^i(\partial \hat{X}^{(3)}) \\ \cap \partial \hat{\mu}^{(3)} \downarrow \cap \partial \hat{\mu}^{(3)} & & \downarrow \cap \hat{\mu}^{(3)} & & \downarrow \cap \hat{\mu}^{(3)} & & \downarrow \cap \partial \hat{\mu}^{(3)} \\ H_{n-3-i}(\partial \hat{X}^{(3)}) & \xrightarrow{i_*} & H_{n-3-i}(\hat{X}^{(3)}) & \xrightarrow{j_*} & H_{n-3-i}(\hat{X}^{(3)}, \partial \hat{X}^{(3)}) & \xrightarrow{\partial} & H_{n-4-i}(\partial \hat{X}^{(3)}) \end{array}$$

, where the top and bottom sequences are exact and the map  $\cap \partial \hat{\mu}^{(3)}: H^{i-1}(\partial \hat{X}^{(3)}; Z) \rightarrow H_{n-3-i}(\partial \hat{X}^{(3)}; Z)$  is an isomorphism for  $i \leq m$  and a monomorphism for  $i = m+1$  by the case of manifolds with empty boundary. Since  $\cap \hat{\mu}^{(3)}: H^i(\hat{X}^{(3)}, \partial \hat{X}^{(3)}; Z) \rightarrow H_{n-3-i}(\hat{X}^{(3)}; Z)$  is a monomorphism for  $i \leq m$ , it follows that  $\cap \hat{\mu}^{(3)}: H^i(\hat{X}^{(3)}; Z) \rightarrow H_{n-3-i}(\hat{X}^{(3)}, \partial \hat{X}^{(3)}; Z)$  is a monomorphism and hence an isomorphism for  $i \leq m$ . By the five lemma, this implies that  $\cap \hat{\mu}^{(3)}: H^i(\hat{X}^{(3)}, \partial \hat{X}^{(3)}; Z) \rightarrow H_{n-3-i}(\hat{X}^{(3)}; Z)$  is an isomorphism for  $i \leq m$ . This map is also a monomorphism for  $i = m+1$ , since  $\cap \hat{\mu}_D^{(3)}: H^{m+1}(D(\hat{X}^{(3)}); Z) \rightarrow H_{n-3-(m+1)}(D(\hat{X}^{(3)}); Z)$  is injective. This completes the proof of

$N = 3$ .

By assuming Duality Theorem N-1, we must show Duality Theorem N. However, the proof is quite parallel to the proof of  $N = 3$  and left to the reader. This completes the proof.

### 3. An application

Consider a closed, connected  $n$ -manifold  $X^n$  satisfying the following (1) and (2):

(1)  $\pi_1(X)$  admits a tower of subgroup  $\pi_1(X) = G_0 > G_1 > \dots > G_r = \{1\}$  such that for each  $i$ ,  $i=1,2,\dots,r$ ,  $G_{i-1}/G_i$  has a finite index or is an infinite cyclic group,

(2)  $\pi_i(X)$ ,  $2 \leq i \leq (n-1)/2$ , is finitely generated abelian and, when  $n$  is even,  $\dim_{\mathbb{Q}} \pi_{n/2}(X) \otimes \mathbb{Q} < +\infty$ .

The class of such manifolds  $X$  is denoted by  $\mathcal{M}$ .

**3.1 Definition.** Let  $X \in \mathcal{M}$ .  $\pi_1(X)$  is said to have rank  $R$ , if infinite cyclic quotient groups occur at  $R$  times in a tower of  $\pi_1(X)$ .

We must prove

**3.2 Lemma.**  $R$  does not depend on a choice of towers of  $\pi_1(X)$ .

**3.3 Definition.**  $\rho = \rho(X) = n - R$  is called the (topological) Kodaira dimension of  $X^n \in \mathcal{M}$ .

We shall show the following:

3.4 Theorem.  $\rho$  is a non-negative integer except for one.

3.5. Proof of Lemma 3.2 and Theorem 3.4. First note that  $Z[\pi_1(X)]$  is Noetherian by Corollary 1.5. We apply Duality Theorem N ( $N \geq 0$ ). Let  $n$  be even, say,  $n = 2n'$ . For all  $i \leq n'-R$  we have  $H^i(\bar{X}; Z) \approx H_{n-R-i}(\bar{X}; Z)$ . When  $i \leq n'-R$ ,  $n-R-i \geq n-R - (n'-R) = n - n' = n'$ . Thus,  $H_i(\bar{X}; Z)$  is finitely generated abelian for  $i \geq n'$ , hence for all  $i$ . Let  $n'$  be odd, say,  $n = 2n'+1$ . For all  $i \leq n'-R$ , we have  $H^i(\bar{X}; Z) \approx H_{n-R-i}(\bar{X}; Z)$ . When  $i \leq n'-R$ , we have  $n-R-i \geq n-R-(n'-R) = n-n' = n'+1$ . Thus,  $H_i(\bar{X}; Z)$  is finitely generated abelian for  $i \geq n'+1$ , hence for all  $i$ . As a result, for each  $n \geq 1$  there is a duality  $H^i(\bar{X}; Z) \approx H_{n-R-i}(\bar{X}; Z)$  for all  $i$ . This implies that  $R$  does not depend on any choice of towers of  $\pi_1(X)$ . By taking  $i = 0$ ,  $\rho = n-R \geq 0$ . Since  $\bar{X}$  is simply connected,  $\rho \neq 1$ . This completes the proof.

We further state individually results for  $X$  in  $\mathcal{M}$  on each Kodaira dimension  $\rho$ .

3.6.  $\rho = 0$ . In this case,  $H_*(\bar{X}; Z) = 0$ , hence  $\bar{X}$  is contractible, and  $X$  is  $K(\pi, 1)$ . In particular,  $\pi_1(X)$  is torsion-free. If  $\pi_1(X)$  is abelian and  $n \geq 5$ ,  $X$  is topologically homeomorphic to an  $n$ -torus  $S^1 \times \cdots \times S^1$ . More generally, if  $\pi_1(X)$  is a poly-infinite-cyclic group and  $n \geq 5$ , then according to C.T.C. Wall [4]  $\bar{X}$  is homeomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and



for any closed  $n$ -manifold  $X'$  with  $\pi_1(X') \approx \pi_1(X)$ , any homotopy equivalence  $X' \rightarrow X$  is homotopic to a topological homeomorphism.

3.7.  $\rho = 2$ . Then  $H_*(\bar{X}; Z) \approx H_*(S^2; Z)$ . Hence  $\bar{X}$  is homotopy equivalent to  $S^2$ . Assume  $\pi_1(X)$  admits a special tower  $\pi_1(X) = G_0 > G_1 > \cdots > G_R > \{1\}$  such that for each  $i$ ,  $i=1, 2, \dots, R$ ,  $G_{i-1}/G_i$  is an infinite cyclic group and  $G_R$  is a finite group. Then  $G_R$  is  $\{1\}$  or  $Z_2$ . To see this, consider the cover  $X^{(R)}$  corresponding to  $G_R$ . First, suppose  $X^{(R)}$  is orientable. If  $G_R \neq \{1\}$ , then let  $Z_p$  be a cyclic subgroup of  $G_R$  and  $\hat{X}^{(R)}$  be the corresponding cover. By Duality Theorem  $R$ , there is a duality  $0 = H^1(\hat{X}^{(R)}; Z) \approx H_1(\hat{X}^{(R)}; Z) = Z_p$ , which is a contradiction. [Note that  $H_*(\hat{X}^{(R)}; Z)$  is finitely generated abelian, since  $X^{(R)}$  is homotopy equivalent to a complex of finite type (i.e., skeleton-finite complex).] Hence  $G_R = \{1\}$ . If  $X^{(R)}$  is non-orientable, by the orientable case, the orientation cover of  $X^{(R)}$  is simply connected. This implies  $G_R = Z_2$ . As a simple consequence, if  $\pi_1(X)$  is abelian, then  $\pi_1(X)$  is isomorphic to  $Z^{n-2}$  or  $Z^{n-2} + Z_2$ .

3.8.  $\rho = 3$ . Since  $H_*(\bar{X}; Z) \approx H_*(S^3; Z)$ ,  $X$  is homotopy equivalent to  $S^3$ . Assume  $\pi_1(X)$  admits a special tower  $\pi_1(X) = G_0 > G_1 > \cdots > G_R > \{1\}$  as in 3.7. We shall show that every abelian subgroup of  $G_R$  is cyclic. Hence  $G_R$  has a period  $> 1$ . In particular, if  $\pi_1(X)$  is abelian, then  $\pi_1(X) \approx Z^{n-3} + Z_m$  ( $m \geq 1$ ). To see this, first assume  $X^{(R)}$  is orientable. Let  $A$  be an abelian subgroup of  $G_R$ . Let  $\hat{X}^{(R)}$  be the corresponding

cover. By Duality Theorem R, we have  $H^i(\hat{X}^{(R)}; Z) \approx H_{3-i}(\hat{X}^{(R)}; Z)$  for all  $i$ . Since  $H_1(\hat{X}^{(R)}; Z)$  is a finite group,  $H_2(\hat{X}^{(R)}; Z) = 0$ . This implies  $H_2(A; Z) = 0$ ; so,  $A$  is cyclic. [Use a cyclic decomposition of  $A$ .] Now we must show that  $X^{(R)}$  is necessarily orientable. From a successive use of the Novikov-Siebenmann splitting theorem (See L.C.Siebenmann [C].), we have  $S^3 \times X^{(R)} \cong M^6 \times R^{(R)}$  for a closed 6-manifold  $M^6$ . [Note that the Wall-Siebenmann obstruction  $\tau(S^3 \times X^{(i)})$ ,  $i=1, 2, \dots, R$ , in the reduced projective class group  $\tilde{K}_0(Z[\pi_1(S^3 \times X^{(i)})])$  vanishes, since the Euler characteristic  $\chi(S^3)$  of  $S^3$  is 0.] Hence  $H_1(S^3 \times X^{(R)}; Z) = 0$ ,  $i \geq 7$ .  $X^{(R)}$  is non-orientable if and only if  $H_6(S^3 \times X^{(R)}; Z) = 0$ . In other words,  $H_1(X^{(R)}; Z) = 0$ ,  $i \geq 4$ , and  $X^{(R)}$  is non-orientable if and only if  $H_3(X^{(R)}; Z) = 0$ . Note that there is a duality  $\cap \mu : H^i(S^3 \times X^{(R)}; Z_2) \approx H_{6-i}(S^3 \times X^{(R)}; Z_2)$  for all  $i$ . As an analogy of a fact shown in 2.3, this duality can be interpreted as  $\cap \mu : H^i(X^{(R)}; Z_2) \approx H_{3-i}(X^{(R)}; Z_2)$  for all  $i$ . This shows that the Euler characteristic  $\chi(X^{(R)}; Z_2)$  over the coefficient field  $Z_2$  is 0. We need the following lemma:

**3.8.1 Lemma.** Suppose a space  $K$  has a finitely generated integral homology group  $H_*(K; Z)$ . Then the Euler characteristic of  $K$  is independent of a coefficient field which is used.

From this lemma, the usual Euler characteristic (, that is, the Euler characteristic over  $Q$ )  $\chi(X^{(R)}) = 0$ . Suppose  $X^{(R)}$  is non-orientable. We count the Betti numbers of  $H_*(X^{(R)}; Z)$ . We have  $0 = \chi(X^{(R)}) = \beta_0(X^{(R)}) - \beta_1(X^{(R)}) + \beta_2(X^{(R)}) = 1 - 0 + \beta_2(X^{(R)})$

$\geq 1$ , which is a contradiction. [Note that  $H_1(X^{(R)}; \mathbb{Z})$  is a finite group. Therefore,  $X^{(R)}$  is orientable.

3.8.2. Proof of Lemma 3.8.1. Since  $H_*(K; \mathbb{Z})$  is finitely generated, by the proof of E.H. Spanier[//], Lemma 9, p 246, there is a finitely generated free chain complex  $C$  chain equivalent to the free geometric chain complex  $C(K; \mathbb{Z})$ . Then the assertion follows from the Euler-Poincaré formula. In fact, for a field  $F$

$$\begin{aligned}\chi(K; F) &= \sum_i (-1)^i \dim_F H_i(K; F) \\ &= \sum_i (-1)^i \dim_F H_i(C; F) \\ &= \sum_i (-1)^i \dim_F C_i \otimes F\end{aligned}$$

and  $\dim_F C_i \otimes F$  is independent of a choice of fields  $F$ . This completes the proof.

3.9.  $\varrho = 4$ . In this case  $\bar{X}$  is only a simply connected Poincaré 4-complex.  $\bar{X}$  is homotopy equivalent to the adjunction space of a 4-cell  $B^4$  to a bouquet  $S^2 \vee \dots \vee S^2$  by a map  $a : \partial B^4 \rightarrow S^2 \vee \dots \vee S^2$ . From this, one can see that the homotopy type of  $\bar{X}$  is characterized by the symmetric inner product  $H^2(\bar{X}; \mathbb{Z}) \times H^2(\bar{X}; \mathbb{Z}) \xrightarrow{U} H^4(\bar{X}; \mathbb{Z}) = \mathbb{Z}$ . (cf. J.W. Milnor-D. Husemoller[7].)

3.10.  $\varrho \geq 5$ .  $\bar{X}$  is a simply connected Poincaré  $\varrho$ -complex. Let precisely  $\pi_1(X) = G_0 \supset \hat{G}_0 \supset G_1 \supset \hat{G}_1 \supset \dots \supset G_R \supset \hat{G}_R = \{1\}$ , where for each  $i$ ,  $i=0, 1, \dots, R$   $G_i/\hat{G}_i$  has a finite index and for each  $i$ ,  $i=1, 2, \dots, R$ ,  $\hat{G}_{i-1}/G_i$  is an infinite cyclic group. If the Wall-Siebenmann obstruction  $\mathcal{O}(X^{(i)})$  in  $\tilde{K}_0(\mathbb{Z}[G_i])$  vanishes, then  $\bar{X}$  is piecewise-linearly homeomorphic to the splitting  $M \times \mathbb{R}^R$  for a piecewise-linear closed manifold  $M$  by the Novikov-

Siebenmann splitting theorem. In particular, if  $G$  contains a poly-infinite-cyclic group (of rank  $R$ ) as a subgroup with finite index (for example,  $G$  is abelian), then  $\bar{X}$  splits:  $\bar{X} \cong M \times \mathbb{R}^R$ , because  $\tilde{K}_0(\mathbb{Z}[P]) = 0$  for all poly-infinite-cyclic groups  $P$  of finite rank. (cf. W.C.Hsiang [3].)

We consider low-dimensional consequences. For example, closed 3-manifolds with abelian fundamental groups are contained in  $\mathcal{M}$ . It follows that the possible group as the fundamental groups is  $\mathbb{Z}^3$ ,  $\mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z}_2$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}$  or  $\mathbb{Z}_m$ . This is also a classical result due to K. Reidemeister [9]. Certainly, the universal cover is contractible (more precisely,  $\mathbb{R}^3$  modulo Poincaré conjecture) or has the homotopy type of  $S^2$  or  $S^3$  according as the Kodaira dimension  $\varrho = 0$  or 2 or 3. Next, for example, consider a closed 4-manifold  $M$  with  $\pi_1(M) = \mathbb{Z}^r$ ,  $r \geq 5$ . [Note that such a manifold  $M$  does exist.] As a simple consequence of Theorem 3.4,  $\pi_2(M) \otimes \mathbb{Q}$  is necessarily infinitely generated over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

#### 4. Further discussions

4.1. Although we established the duality theorem with integral coefficients, under the same hypotheses we can have every torsion-free group as a coefficient of the duality. This fact is based on A.Kawauchi [4]. Further, from [4], if our class  $f(k)$ ,  $k \geq 1$ , is replaced by Wall's class  $NFk$  in [13] and  $\dim_{\mathbb{Q}} H_k(\hat{X}^{(N)}, \partial \hat{X}^{(N)}; \mathbb{Q}) < +\infty$  (or  $\dim_{\mathbb{Q}} H_k(\hat{X}^{(N)}; \mathbb{Q}) < +\infty$  or  $\dim_{\mathbb{Q}} H_k(\hat{X}^{(N)}, \partial \hat{X}^{(N)}; \mathbb{Q}) < +\infty$ )

$\partial \hat{X}^{(N)}; \mathbb{Q}) < +\infty$ ) is replaced by a condition that  $H_k(\hat{X}^{(N)}, \partial \hat{X}^{(N)}; \mathbb{Z})$  ( or  $H_k(\hat{X}^{(N)}; \mathbb{Z})$  or  $H_k(\partial \hat{X}^{(N)}; \mathbb{Z})$ ) is finitely generated abelian, then Duality Theorem N( $\geq 1$ ) holds for an arbitrary coefficient group.

4.2. One can obtain a duality of a type in Kawauchi[5] for iterated infinite cyclic coverings under rather simple hypotheses, but details remain open.

4.3. In this paper, we worked in the piecewise-linear category. However, a manifold may be a topological manifold, because given  $m$ , it suffices to establish an  $i$ -duality,  $i \leq m$ , of a manifold with a sufficiently large dimension  $n$  in contrast with  $m$ , and a **transverse-regularity** of topological manifolds in high-codimension and a surgery on low-dimensional handles in high-dimensional topological manifolds can be done just as piecewise-linear manifolds.

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